

Mr. Speaker, a couple of days ago I was talking with a gentleman from the other side of the Capitol about the appropriation process, and he said that he was deeply involved in the Foreign Ops appropriations bill and that the Members on both sides had agreed on all the differences from the House to the Senate on Foreign Ops.

However, he could not get any Members on the minority party or the White House to meet with them. They refused to meet, including the White House. Because they have this strategy to drag it out, stretch it out, do not agree to anything, complain about everything; and then one day, as the Majority Whip said, we will be here in October with a huge appropriations bill that will take in several of these 13 appropriations bills and they will get to spend more money. We heard that throughout this process on 13 bills that we are not spending enough.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LINDER. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I understand the proposition of the gentleman. The Majority Whip made that, as well.

If that is the case, why does not the majority, which controls both Houses, send the bills as they think they ought to be to the White House and let them veto them and let the American public see what is going on?

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, we would very much like to do that. But if 41 of the Democrats on the other side of the Capitol determine to filibuster, they can stop anything from happening.

As the gentleman knows, they have to have 60 votes in that body. They are determined not to let anything move at all, not even to let them bring it up without all kinds of amendments that are not germane to the process, which, in a body that has only two rules, unanimous consent and exhaustion, they can put anything on a bill. So they are slowing it down.

The fact of the matter is that this House has voted to pass all three of these provisions before. These provisions are before us again today. We are trying to get these passed and out of these bodies so that the President can veto them, because we expect that he will. Then we will be back in September dealing with the differences.

It would be easier if they would engage us today and help us with these differences today and move forward with the process.

So I would say to my colleagues that this rule, while cumbersome, not pretty, is a rule that gets the process moving. It is not new to us. We remember when Speaker Wright did this some years ago. But it does get the process moving.

Let us get to the debate on the bills, the substance of the bills. Let us move

this process. And let us get out of town for our district work period knowing that we passed, if not all of them, all but maybe one of them, hopefully all of them, before August, something that has not been done in modern times.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The Chair again must remind Members to avoid improper references to the Senate, including characterizations of their actions.

The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on the resolution are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on those resolutions on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order: House Resolution 564, and House Resolution 565.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4865, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the vote de novo on House Resolution 564.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 232, nays 194, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 447]

YEAS—232

Aderholt	Goodling	Peterson (PA)
Archer	Goss	Petri
Armey	Graham	Pickering
Bachus	Granger	Pitts
Baker	Green (TX)	Pombo
Ballenger	Green (WI)	Pomeroy
Barr	Greenwood	Porter
Barrett (NE)	Gutknecht	Portman
Bartlett	Hansen	Pryce (OH)
Bass	Hastert	Quinn
Bateman	Hastings (WA)	Radanovich
Bereuter	Hayes	Ramstad
Berkley	Hayworth	Regula
Biggert	Hefley	Reynolds
Bilbray	Herger	Riley
Bilirakis	Hill (MT)	Rogan
Bishop	Hilleary	Rogers
Bliley	Hobson	Rohrabacher
Blunt	Hoekstra	Ros-Lehtinen
Boehlert	Horn	Roukema
Boehner	Hostettler	Royce
Bonilla	Houghton	Ryan (WI)
Boswell	Hulshof	Ryun (KS)
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Salmon
Bryant	Hutchinson	Sanford
Burr	Hyde	Saxton
Burton	Inslee	Scarborough
Buyer	Isakson	Schaffer
Callahan	Istook	Sensenbrenner
Calvert	Johnson (CT)	Sessions
Camp	Johnson, Sam	Shadegg
Campbell	Jones (NC)	Shaw
Canady	Kasich	Shays
Cannon	Kelly	Sherwood
Castle	King (NY)	Shimkus
Chabot	Kingston	Shows
Chambliss	Knollenberg	Shuster
Chenoweth-Hage	Kolbe	Simpson
Coble	Kuykendall	Skeen
Coburn	LaHood	Smith (MI)
Collins	Largent	Smith (NJ)
Combest	Latham	Smith (TX)
Cook	LaTourette	Souder
Cooksey	Lazio	Spence
Cox	Leach	Stabenow
Crane	Lewis (CA)	Stearns
Cubin	Lewis (KY)	Stump
Cunningham	Linder	Sununu
Davis (VA)	LoBiondo	Sweeney
Deal	Lucas (KY)	Talent
DeLay	Lucas (OK)	Tancredo
DeMint	Maloney (CT)	Tauzin
Diaz-Balart	Manzullo	Taylor (NC)
Dickey	Martinez	Terry
Doolittle	McCarthy (NY)	Thomas
Dreier	McCollum	Thornberry
Duncan	McCrery	Thune
Dunn	McHugh	Tiahrt
Ehlers	McInnis	Toomey
Ehrlich	McKeon	Trafficant
Emerson	Metcalfe	Upton
English	Mica	Vitter
Everett	Miller (FL)	Walden
Fletcher	Miller, Gary	Walsh
Foley	Moore	Wamp
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Watkins
Fossella	Morella	Watts (OK)
Fowler	Myrick	Weldon (FL)
Franks (NJ)	Nethercutt	Weldon (PA)
Frelinghuysen	Ney	Weller
Gallely	Northup	Whitfield
Ganske	Norwood	Wicker
Gekas	Nussle	Wilson
Gibbons	Ose	Wolf
Gilchrest	Oxley	Young (AK)
Gillmor	Packard	Young (FL)
Goode	Paul	
Goodlatte	Pease	

NAYS—194

Abercrombie	Berman	Capuano
Ackerman	Berry	Cardin
Allen	Blagojevich	Carson
Andrews	Blumenauer	Clay
Baca	Bonior	Clayton
Baird	Borski	Clement
Baldacci	Boucher	Clyburn
Baldwin	Boyd	Condit
Barcia	Brady (PA)	Conyers
Barrett (WI)	Brown (FL)	Costello
Becerra	Brown (OH)	Coyne
Bentsen	Capps	Cramer